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Documents AC through AE and AT were cited in a European Search Report dated March 9, 2007.

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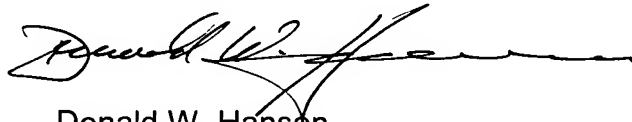
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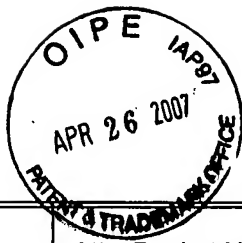
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